



## **WHITESTOWN HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2017**

**6:00 PM**

**Whitestown Municipal Complex – Conference Room**

**6210 Veterans Drive**

**Whitestown, Indiana**

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. OPENING THE MEETING**

- A. Call to Order at 6:12pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call: (all members present)
  - Raji Muthukrishnan
  - Kisha Rollins
  - Andy Markle
  - James Tomlinson
  - Matt Chapman (yet to be appointed – present but not able to vote)

Tanya moved to add to the top of the agenda nominations and vote for president and vice president of the board. Andrew seconded. Passed 4 to 0

Raji nominates Kisha to be President of the board. Andy seconds. Passes 4-0.  
Andy volunteers to be vice president. James seconds. Passes 3-0 (Andy abstains)

#### **2. DISCUSS & VOTE on HRC Resolution 2017-01, urging the Whitestown Town Council to add Chinese New Year & Diwali as accepted holidays to the Fireworks Ordinance**

Kisha spoke in support of the Resolution. Raji feels there is a lot of support in the community. James spoke in favor of resolution. Andy moves to adopt. Raji seconds. Passes 4-0.

#### **3. DISCUSS possible event schedule for 2017**

- **June: Juneteenth Event, Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> - Albert S. White education? Scholarship?**  
Discussed holding Juneteenth event outdoors at Walker Park. (Book gymnasium at Whitestown Municipal Complex as back up for inclement weather.) Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> celebration, possibly 1-4pm. Educational event about what Juneteenth is. Talked about reaching out to Zionsville & Lebanon Community schools and possibly reaching out to Meijer for donation of hot dogs, chips, water for the event. Andy wants to ask Dax if there is a budget for this commission and if the

commission needs to pass a resolution asking council for permission to raise their own funds for the commission events/advertising. Andy would make flyer and donate the printing costs. Members would take flyers to local businesses and hang at Farmers Markets. June is also Pride month. Members discussed having a June 3<sup>rd</sup> Pride event in Whitestown. James will research ideas for Juneteenth event and Kisha will research ideas for Pride event before next meeting.

- **October: Multi-cultural Fair for 'Diversity Week'. Diwali begins Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – 5-day festival of lights celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil, lightness over darkness.** Raji knows close to 30 Whitestown families who celebrate Diwali. She will find out which date would be best for an event, possibly Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Tanya will reserve the gymnasium 6-9pm on that date. Kisha talked about possibly incorporating a job fair into that week. She will research Diversity Week dates. Kisha will research a possible 'Albert S. White Diversity Scholarship Fund'. (Again, can money be donated to HRC for scholarship?) Raji will talk to Tom Hundley, principal of Boone Meadow Elementary, about whether kids there would be interested in writing essays for a possible scholarship competition.

**4. DISCUSS & VOTE to approve meeting schedule for 2017 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month @ 6pm** Andy moves schedule be adopted. Raji seconds. Passes 4-0.

**5. ADJOURN** James moves to adjourn. Raji seconds. Meeting adjourned 7:17pm.

The next regular Whitestown Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 6:00 PM**

  
Raji Muthukrishnan, Member

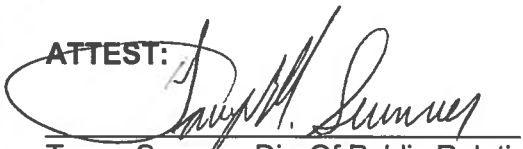
  
Kisha Rollins, Member

  
Andy Markle, Member

  
James Tomlinson, Member

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(to be appointed)

**ATTEST:**

  
Tanya Sumner, Dir. Of Public Relations  
Town of Whitestown, Indiana